CHITTUR HOSPITAL—COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE AFFAIRS IN.

443. **Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon** (*Women-Ernakulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of trained nurses attached to the Chittur Hospital;

(*b*) how many of them are usually on night duty;

(*c*) is it not a fact that in the above-mentioned hospital a few months ago in a case of vesicular mole (abortion) when the condition of the patient became serious the nurse on night duty refused or at least failed to attend on this patient in spite of repeated requests made by her husband;

(*d*) was not this matter reported to the Chief Officer of the Hospital by her husband;

(*e*) has he taken any action in this matter;

(*f*) has he reported this matter to the Government;

(*g*) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make proper enquiries?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(*a*) Five.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) No.

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*) & (*g*). Do not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (*c*).

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Women-Ernakulam*): Sir, I am surprised to see the answers given by the Government. It is very easy for the Government to deny. But I know in fact that such a thing has happened there. The husband of that lady himself gave that statement to me. Further when I put this question, attempts were made to dissuade me from putting this question. Sir, if such a thing has not happened, where is then the necessity for me to ask this question?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Sir, after the receipt of this question, enquiries were made. Here the question is "was not the matter reported to the Chief Officer of the Hospital?" Here is a reply from that Chief Officer. It is "No". What more can I say, Sir?

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know, in view of the statement now made by the hon'ble member, whether the Government will see that no such complaints arise in that particular place?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Yes.

CHITTUR HOSPITAL—IMPROVEMENTS TO.

444. **Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon** (*Women-Ernakulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of maternity cases attended to at the Chittur Hospital, within the last twelve months;

(*b*) is there a maternity ward attached to this hospital;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to see that a maternity ward is attached to this hospital as early as possible?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(*a*) 68.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Who is in charge of the maternity hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): There is an Assistant Surgeon as well as a woman Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

TRAINED TEACHERS—PREFERENCE TO.

445. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any Circular or given any instructions to the Managers of Aided Schools to prefer trained hands to untrained hands when making appointments in their institutions;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, when was such Circular or Circulars issued;

(*c*) has the Director of Public Instruction approved of the appointment of untrained hands as teachers in Aided Schools subsequent to such Circulars;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many such appointments have been thus approved;

(*e*) has the Director of Public Instruction received any representation from the "Trained Teachers' Association" with regard to the difficulties experienced by them to get themselves employed;

(*f*) how many trained teachers are unemployed at present?

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